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SUBJECT: 9TH WESTERN PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGMENT COUNCIL MEETING

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1. USG MAY COME UNDER INCREASED PRESSURE TO RESTRICT BILLFISH CATCHES IN LIGHT OF NEW FINDINGS GIVEN IN REPORT AT 9TH WESTERN PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING, SAIPAN. MR. SHOMURA, DIRECTOR, NMFS HONOLULU LABORATORY DISCLOSED THAT PARTICIPANTS OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON BILLFISH HELD LAST MONTH IN HAWAII AGREED THAT BLUE MARLIN ARE PROBABLY OVERFISHED. THIS AND OTHER FINDINGS ON PRESENT STATUS OF BILLFISH STOCKS ARE IN DRAFT REPORT OF SCIENTIFIC MEETING NOW READY FOR CIRCULATION TO PARTICIPANTS FOR CLEARANCE. FINAL REPORT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN SIX WEEKS. IN ADDITIONAL REPORT TO COUNCIL, NMFS INDICATED THAT PRELIMINARY MANAGEMENT PLAN (PMP) ON BILLFISH IS BEING DELAYED DUE TO 1) LEGAL INTERPRETATION THAT SIZE OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELD AND OPTIMUM YIELD MUST BE INCLUDED IN PLAN. NMFS IS HAVING GREAT DIFFICULTY IN DETERMINING THESE YIELDS, AND 2) ADDITIONAL WORK NEEDED TO DEFINE OBSERVER PLAN. COUNCIL EXPRESSED GREAT DIS-SATISFACTION TO NMFS REPRESENTATIVES ON DELAY AND RECORD WILL SO
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STATE. MR. SHOMURA REPORTED THAT DRAFT FMP FOR BILLFISH SHOULD BE COMPLETED 1 MARCH. HAWAIIAN INTERNATIONAL BILLFISH ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION ON BILLFISH WILL APPEAR ON RECORD AS HAVING BEEN RECEIVED BUT COUNCIL TOOK NO FURTHER ACTION ON RESOLUTION.

2. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION WAS DEVOTED TO "MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING" THAT COUNCIL WISHES TO BEVELOP WITH NMFS. THIS WILL PROVIDE

AVENUE FOR COUNCIL TO HAVE MORE INFLUENCE IN PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OF NMFS'S RESEARCH EFFORTS. DRAFT MEMO WILL BE READY FOR MUCH WIDER DISCUSSION AT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN AND NMFS'S REGIONAL DIRECTOR MEETING IN MARCH.

3. COUNCIL EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER IMPACT SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERY AGENCY, IF FORMED, MAY HAVE ON RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCIL. COUNCIL CHAIRMAN YEE WILL ATTEND MEETING LATER THIS MONTH IN HAWAII ON SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERY AGENCY AND WILL EXPRESS COUNCIL CONCERN THEN TO MRS. MINK.

4. ADMIRAL MOREAU OUTLINED DIFFICULTIES COAST GUARD FACES IN MOUNTING FISHERY SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM FOR NORTHERN MARIANAS. C130 AIRCRAFT WILL BE IN GUAM- NORTHERN MARIANAS AREA EVERY TWO MONTHS AT MOST TO CARRY OUT PATROLS. TWO VESSELS BASED AT GUAM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISPATCH BUT WILL NOT CARRY OUT ROUTINE PATROLS. FIRST FISHERY PATROL OVER NORTHERN MARIANAS BY C130 WAS CARRIED OUT 10 JANUARY. ONE JAPANESE LONGLINER WAS SIGHTED BUT WAS NOT CARRYING OUT ANY ACTIVITY IN VIOLATION OF FCMA.

5. FISHATT EXPRESSED STATE DEPARTMENT POSITION ON VARIOUS ISSUES AS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL. HE ALSO PROVIDED COUNCIL WITH DATA ON JAPANESE CATCHES IN NORTHERN MARIANAS AND MICRONESIAN REGION WHICH EVOKED CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION FROM VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS. HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING JAPANESE FISHERIES WHICH HE WILL ATTEMPT TO DO. HE
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WAS ASKED TO ATTEND FURTHER MEETINGS AND RESPONDED THAT PERHAPS HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND TWO OR THREE A YEAR SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF EMBASSY AND OFFICE OF FISHERY AFFAIRS, STATE DEPT.

6. FUTURE MEETINGS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

MARCH 1 - 3, HAWAII
MAY 30 - JUNE 2, AMERICA SAMOA
AUG. 2 - 4, HAWAII

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF ROUTINE NATURE WILL BE GIVEN TO CARL PRICE IN TOKYO NEXT WEEK.
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